

Upton Vale

BAPTIST CHURCH

Today

10.30am: Morning Celebration

Preacher: Carl Smethurst

Bible Passage: Jeremiah 33:14-16 & Genesis 12:1-3

"Heart of Christmas - the Blessed are a Blessing"

Carl is SWBA Regional Minister

4pm: Songs of Praise with traditional carols

Preacher: David Coffey **Bible Passage:** Ruth 1:1-22

"Love Story in Bethlehem"

6-7.30pm: Youth Discipleship Groups in The Basement

Ministry themes in our other groups today

Sparks	(Under 5)	Heart of Christmas - Mary
Flames	(Yrs R - 2)	Zechariah & Elizabeth
Laserlights	(Yrs 3 - 6)	Reactions to Jesus - Nicodemus
B1	(Yrs 7 - 13)	Discipleship - United Worship
B2gether		Trusting Mary - Luke 1:26 - 38

Today at 12 noon - Parents drop in to The Basement

An opportunity to hear about what's going on in our Youth Ministry, offer any suggestions and ask any questions you might have. This will not take more than half an hour.

Next Sunday 9 December

10.30am: Morning Celebration

Guest preacher Kwame Adzam of Trinity BC Croydon

12noon: Prayer for Claire Bedford in Harbour Room - see note page 4

5-6pm: Drama Club in the Main Hall & **6-7pm: Youth Band** in Basement

Visitors: Welcome to Upton Vale. Please visit the Welcome Desk for a leaflet telling you all about the Church. Our Welcome Team will be wearing orange lanyards and will be happy to answer any question including guiding children to the correct group.

Please remember in prayer: Mary-Anne Muil & Christine Sengun,

In Ministry elsewhere: *Today:* Leonard Mason at Gerston Chapel, Paignton.
Next Sunday: Leonard Mason at Lustleigh BC, Geoff & Pat Mitchell at the hospital.

The thanksgiving service for the life of Gwenda Thomas will be here at Upton Vale tomorrow, Monday 3 December at 3pm.

Prayer for Claire Bedford: on the second Sunday of each month at 12noon we will be meeting in The Harbour Room (just down the stairs from the Welcome Desk) from 12pm for half an hour and will be praying for Claire and her work at Guinebor II Hospital in Chad. First one is on 9 December.

Christmas Parcels Each year the Pastoral Team provides Christmas parcels for people in our church family. These are labelled and will be in The Link from 9 December. Please take a look. If there is someone who lives near you or is on your route, it would be so helpful if you could take one or more and deliver them. Thank you.

Day	Psm	N.T.	Suggestions for your Prayers
Sun	32	Acts 8	The work of the S West Baptist Association in Exeter
Mon	33	Acts 9	Elders elected at last week's Church Meeting
Tue	34	Acts 10	Transport of Shoeboxes to Romania - see note page 3
Wed	35	Acts 11	Church Fabric Team looking after an old building
Thu	36	Acts 12	Our PA Team with a very busy Christmas schedule
Fri	37	Acts 13	Those working for peace between Ukraine & Russia
Sat	38	Acts 14	Thanks for the means of being able to purchase a Manse

UV Staff

Joel Ward (Youth Pastor)
Ele Hine (Families)
Paul Hine (Children)
Sue Sandeman (Children)
Sue Maloney (Administration)
Michèle Spear (Office)
Mat Miller (Caretaking)
Steve Hyde (Asst. Caretaking)

UV Elders

Laura Edwards, Andrew Fordyce,
Wendy John, David Jones,
Rachel Martin, Phyl Redwood,
Becky Stockley, Sally Sutton.

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Our Church Office is
normally open
9am - 3pm
Monday - Thursday
and 9am - 1pm Friday

Useful Information

A radio loop exists for hearing aids.

Sermons can be downloaded from our website or purchased on CD for £1 from the Welcome Desk.

The Pastoral Action Team are able to facilitate prayer support at other times during the week. Contact - pastoral@uptonvale.org.uk or leave a message at the welcome desk or with the church office.

Upton Vale Baptist Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation
The charity number is 1176425

THE WEEK AHEAD AT UV

Small Groups meet on different days/times. For more info. see notice board or contact Martyn/Sheila Wheeler on 463591 or email martynandsheila@yahoo.co.uk

MON 3 Dec	12noon 1.30 – 2.45pm 3pm 6.30 – 8pm 7.15pm	Monday Lunches (65+) in the Main Hall CAMEO (65+) <i>Visit from Torre CofE Primary School</i> Thanksgiving Service for Gwenda Thomas in Church Junior Boys' Brigade (Yrs 4 – 6) in the Sports Hall CLT Prayer in the Beacon Lounge
TUES 4 Dec	7.30 - 8am 2.15 – 3.45pm 6.30 – 9.30pm	Prayer Meeting in the Beacon Lounge Daytime Small Group in the Beacon Lounge Senior Boys' Brigade (Yrs 7 - 13) in the Sports Hall
WED 5 Dec	10.30am 6 – 7.30pm 6.15 – 7.30pm 6.15 – 7.30pm 7.30 – 9.30pm 7.45pm	Bereavement Friendship Group in The Basement Toast Youth Club (Yrs 7 – 9) in The Basement Blaze (Yr 3) "Christmas Party" in The Lymington Room Ignite (Yrs 4 – 6) "Kubb Challenge" in The Main Hall Youth Night (Yrs 9 – 13) in The Basement Prayer for Persecuted Church in The Lymington Room
THUR 6 Dec	10am – 12noon	Morning Out in the Main Hall - Christmas Nativity
FRI 7 Dec	5.45 – 7.15pm 7.15 – 10pm 8.15pm	Anchor Boys (R – yr 3) in the Sports Hall Senior Boys' Brigade (Yrs 7 - 13) in the Sports Hall Mens' Football at Boys' Grammar School

For "ToWNS" Project Volunteers

If you have signed up for ToWNS please complete an application form by Sunday 9 December and return it to the Welcome Desk, church office or by email to Becky Stockley or Cathy Davis (these will be emailed out to you or you can pick one up at the Welcome Desk). A rota will be available soon in the Link so you can start signing up for your preferred slots.

Link Security – It is really important that we have someone in The Link each Sunday. Over the next few months we may be asking some different people to do this simple but vital job. If you get an email asking you to man the Link during a morning service, that is why. Thank you for your support with this. Any questions, please speak to Ele Hine.

Community Larder

The following donations would be very much appreciated at this time of the year: - tins of meat, fruit, rice pudding, custard, UHT milk, biscuits, coffee, tea, pasta sauce, jam, marmalade, deodorant, shower gel, washing up liquid, toilet rolls, toothpaste. Please leave in the boxes by main door.

News from the Church Meeting

- The following were elected to serve as Elders – Sally Sutton, Wendy John, Rachel Martin, Becky Stockley, Laura Edwards, David Jones, Phyl Redwood and Andrew Fordyce.
- It was agreed to purchase a manse in Perinville Road for Andy and Cerys Hickford. The induction of Andy will take place on Sunday 3 February.
- Finance – we thank God for his provision for church finances. The budget for 2019 was accepted.
- Membership – there will be a review of church membership in line with the responsibilities of being a member and the new GDP Regulations.

Christmas at UV

Carol Celebration - The Christmas Story in Drama and Song

on Sunday 16 December at 4pm

NB: There will be no morning celebration on Sunday 16 December

Carols and Communion on Sunday 23 December at 10.30am

Christmas Day Celebration on Tuesday 25 December at 10am

Boxes of mince pies & shortbread requested for the Carol Celebration on Sunday 16 December. Please leave at the welcome desk or bring to the church office during the week – thank you in anticipation!

Youth Events

Saturday 8 December - Youth Extravaganza from 7-10pm in The Main Hall. Come in fancy dress as a hero or villain - with prizes for different costumes. There will be food, games, competitions, music and inflatables. Tickets will be available in the Basement - cost £5 (£6 on the night).

Weekend Away 15 – 17 March 2019 at Heatree **You need to book NOW!**

Cost is £85 per person - £25 deposit. Booking forms are available from The Basement, welcome desk or by contacting cathy@uptonvale.org.uk email. Volunteers are also needed. For more info contact joel@uptonvale.org.uk. If finance is an issue, please speak to Joel.

Shoebboxes

A big thank you to all who kindly donated the 132 shoe boxes, fillers for packing other boxes, money towards The Greatest Journey books and to those who so kindly gave their time and efforts to help us sort and pack the finished boxes. Our numbers were lower this year - about 2901 compared to 3390 last year and 4034 in 2016. There may be lots of reasons for this...we would love to reverse the trend for next year! We had a great time sorting, and 2901 children in Romania will be blessed because of our joint efforts. Again, thank you. Valerie Scott, Kim Tyler and Elaine Forster